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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/816,010
Attorney Docket No.: SUN1P279

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MESSAGE:

Please see attached.

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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Dean R.E. Long

Attorney Docket No.: SUN1P279/P4888

Application No.: 09/816,010

Examiner: Rimell, Samuel G.

Filed: March 22, 2001

Group: 2175

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
LOCKING OBJECTS USING SHARED LOCKS

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTALCommissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	22	MINUS	20	2	x 9 =	x 18 = 36.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS	4	2	x 44 =	x 88 = 176.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid						NA
Total					\$	\$212.00

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a _____ extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SUN1P279).
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified patent application, following the Request for Continued Examination filed on October 25, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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